

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 20 stand rejected. Upon entry of the instant amendment claims 11 - 20 and new independent claim 21 are pending. The above-mentioned new claim 21 is believed to patentably define over the prior art. Claim 21 is based on Figs. 1B and 4 and the description and does not include new matter. None of the cited references disclose characteristics of the claim 21, which is fundamentally different from any one of the cited references and should be allowed.

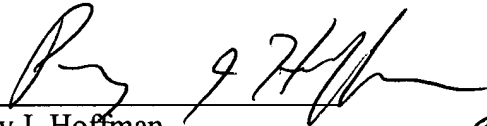
Regarding the connector of new claim 21, at a second end of this connector, two of the signal contacts in each of three rows and one of the ground contacts in a middle one of the three rows form a contact set located at the three apexes of an isosceles triangle, respectively.

Applicant notes that the contacts are arranged at the first end of the connector in two rows to make a staggered fashion between the two rows and arranged at the second end of the connector in three rows to make a staggered fashion between adjacent ones of said three rows. In particular, plural contact sets are provided in which the signal contacts are arrayed on end ones of three rows and ground contacts are arrayed in a middle one of three rows at a second end. Thus, the two contact sets at each end and the ground contacts in the middle provide each of the contact sets as being located at three apexes of an isosceles triangle at the second end, respectively.

With reference to Fig. 4 (see copy attached Appendix I) showing the second end of the connector, the second end, the contacts (S,G) are arranged in three rows to make the staggered fashion between adjacent ones of the three rows. The signal contacts (S) are arrayed on each of outer ones of the three rows. The ground contacts (G) are arrayed on a middle one of the three rows. Two of the signal contacts (S) on one of the outer rows and one of the ground contacts (G) on the middle row are located at three apexes of an isosceles triangle, respectively.

In view of the foregoing the invention as claimed is fundamentally different from the prior art. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims and allowance of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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